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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended, Claims 2, 4-6, and 8-39 are canceled. Claims 1, 3, and 7 remain pending.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 as anticipated by Lobsiger. The Examiner argues that Lobsiger teaches producing a wire harness from two sub-wire harnesses produced separately. The Examiner refers to items 42 and 104 as the two sub-wire harnesses. The applicant notes, however, that item 104 refers to air lines, not wires.

Still, to advance prosecution, the applicant has amended Claim 1 without prejudice to continuing prosecution of this claim in its original form in a continuation application. Claim 1 now further recites that the wire harness comprises a common base sub-harness along with one or more sub-harnesses specific to a particular vehicle.

It is respectfully submitted that Lobsiger fails to teach or suggest the limitations of Claim 1, and it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 is allowable.

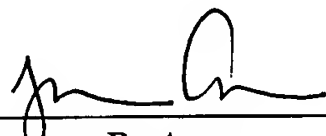
Claims 3 and 7 depend from Claim 1, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

Please find attached a corrected Figure 10 with reference numeral 62 added. This change makes the drawing consistent with the specification, and no new matter is added.